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Applicants

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Title

Toothbrush that spontaneously adopts a position of stable

equilibrium on a horizontal suport

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded the aboveidentified application, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS: Kindly cancel claims 1-19 and replace with the following claims 20-38, which correspond to each cancelled claim.

REMARKS:

A few constructive editorial changes have been made in the claims to bring them somewhat more into line with U.S. practice and requirements.

Applicants have cancelled all of the originally filed claims, 1-19. New claims 20-38 have been added to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding Applicants' belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicants assert that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of <u>Festo</u>. The replacement Claims are attached hereto.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the merits are all hereby respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replacement Claims 20-38

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